

**REMARKS**

The Restriction Requirement dated April 18, 2008 was withdrawn by the Examiner. Accordingly, claims 1-14, 28-37, and 39-53 were pending when the present Office Action was mailed (September 3, 2008).

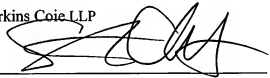
In the September 3, 2008 Office Action, claims 1-11 and 48 were rejected, and claims 28-36, 39-47, and 49-52 were indicated to be allowable. The applicant notes that claim 37 depends from allowable base claim 33, and therefore dependent claim 37 is also allowable.

In this response, claims 1-14 and 48 have been cancelled without commenting on or conceding the merits of the rejections of these claims, and without prejudice to pursuing these claims in unamended or other forms in a continuation or other application. Accordingly, all of the remaining pending claims 28-37, 39-47 and 49-52 are in condition for immediate allowance.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, the pending claims comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are patentable over the applied art. The Applicants accordingly request reconsideration of the application and a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Stephen Arnett at (206) 359-6351.

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